CONCOR at Tughlakabad, New Delhi, since 1993, till date, and the total value thereof; and

(b) what action has been taken by the concerned authorities on such missing of containers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) There is no case of missing of containers containing import consignment from Inland Container Depot, Tughlakabad, New delhi since 1993 till date.

(b) Does not arise.

Strength/Manpower of DRM and ADRM

1532. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the authorised strength/manpower of DRM and ADRM in each Zone of Railway and the percentage of the reserved posts filled till October, 1998?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The authorised strength of DRMs and ADRMs is given below:

Zonal Railway	DRMS	ADRMs
Central	7	9
Eastern	7	10
Northern	8	10
North-Eastern	5	5
North-East Frontier	4	3
Southern	7	8
South-Central	6	7
South-Eastern	8	9
Western	8	8

These posts are general posts and are filled up by suitable officers working/ empanelled in the same Grade *i.e.* Rs. 18400-22400. No promotions, therefore, involved. There is no provision for reservation for any community in these posts.

रेलवे स्टेशनों और रेलगाड़ियों में पानी और खाद्य वस्तुओं की बिक्री

1533. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
प्रो० रामगोपाल यादव:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे स्टेशनों और रेलगाड़ियों में दूषित पानी तथा खाद्य वस्तुएं बेची जाती हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने किसी जांच के पश्चात् आपूर्तिकर्ताओं को जवाबदेह बनाया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और दोषी आपूर्तिकर्ताओं के खिलाफ सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्रवाई की गई है; और

(घ) रेलगाड़ियों तथा रेलवे स्टेशनों पर बिकने वाले पेय जल एवं खाद्य वस्तुओं की शुद्धता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री, संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) जी हां।

(ग) रेलों द्वारा की गई जांच के आधार पर मिनरल वाटर के चार ब्राण्डों की आपूर्ति को बंद कर दिया गया है और उनकी ठेकेदारी समाप्त कर दी गई है। खाद्य पदार्थों के नमूनों की जांच की गई थी और दोषी व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध उचित कार्रवाई की गई है।

(घ) खाद्य अपमिश्रण निवारण अधिनियम तथा गुणवत्ता नियंत्रण के तहत खाद्य पदार्थों और मिनरल वाटर नमूनों को नियमित रूप से इकट्ठा किया जाता है

और विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन और खाद्य और औषधि प्रशासन द्वारा निर्धारित गुणवत्ता और मानकों के आधार पर उनकी जांच की जाती है। मिलावटी नमूनों के मामले में वेंडरों/आपूर्तिकर्ताओं के विरुद्ध विभागीय और कानूनी कार्रवाई की जाती है। इसके अतिरिक्त, वाणिज्यिक और चिकित्सा अधिकारियों द्वारा स्थैतिक और चल खानपान इकाइयों की नियमित जांचें/निरीक्षण किए जा रहे हैं।

Payment of Bonus to Group-B Gazetted Railway Staff

1534. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of Group-B Non-Gazetted staff drawing the scale of Rs. 6500-10500 (RS) and Rs. 7500-11500 (RS) are working as subordinates to Group-B Gazetted, designated as Section Officers in the Ministry;

(b) whether such subordinate staff have also been paid productivity linked bonus during current calender year, besides payment of allowances at par with Group-B Gazetted;

(c) whether such situation is a total humiliation to Group-B Gazetted officials and a mockery of the administration when one group has limited duties and the other has vast supervision duties; and

(d) whether Government propose to grant Group-B Gazetted officials some higher Scale to keep parity in view of part (c) above.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (d) In the Ministry of Railways the Group 'B' gazetted officers designated as 'Section Officers' are the officers of Railway Board Secretariat Service (RBSS). The present scale of pay of Section Officers of RBSS is Rs. 6500-10500. In Railway Board there are some Group 'C' posts of Technical Assistants in scale Rs. 6500-10500 (RS), which are ex-cadre posts for RBSS. There is no post in scale Rs. 7500-11500 (RS) in the Ministry of Railways.

As per the present policy, all gazetted officers, including Group 'B' gazetted officers of the Railways and Railway Board are excluded from the purview of the grant of Productivity Linked Bonus. All non-gazetted employees, inlcuding Group 'B' non-gazetted staff of Railway Board are entitled to the Productivity Linked Bonus. All allowances like HRA, CCA etc., payable to the staff, are normally related to the pay scales of the employees.

Under the hierarchical system in the Railways, the non-gazetted employees function under the gazetted officers. This is a normal set up and in keeping with the policy of the Government and there is no humiliation or shame involved in this because the gazetted officers enjoy the 'Gazetted' status.

The pay scales granted to various categories of staff/officers, non-gazetted/gazetted are commensurate with the pay scales as accepted by the Government on the basis of the Vth Pay Commission's recommendations. No change in the existing pay scale of Group 'B' gazetted Section Officers is being contemplated at present.

Conversion of Ahmedabad-Delhi Meter Gauge line

1535. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any plans to convert the Ahmedabad-Delhi Meter gauge line into Broad gauge in the near future;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated for the purpose during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are aware that